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1. CONCUR IN YOUR RECOMMENDATION THAT LETTER TO PRINCE TURKI BE ALTERED SO THAT A NEW THIRD PARAGRAPH AS PROPOSED REFTEL A BE SUBSTITUTED. WE HAVE MADE CERTAIN CHANGES, AND EMBASSY'S PROPOSED PARAGRAPH, AS AMENDED BELOW, SHOULD BE INSERTED IN TEXT:

QUOTE: IN VIEW OF YOUR REQUEST THAT WE BEGIN OUR FIRST CONVERSATIONS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE JOINT SECURITY SECRET

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COMMISSION IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER, I WOULD BE

HAPPY TO COME TO SAUDI ARABIA TO MEET WITH YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 1-4 IF YOU WOULD FIND THIS PERIOD ACCEPTABLE. THIS WOULD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDE MY ATTENDANCE AT NATO MEETINGS IN ROME ON NOVEMBER 7 AND 8. MY VISIT WOULD BE PRECEDED BY A GROUP OF SPECIALISTS WHO WOULD BE PREPARED TO ARRIVE ABOUT OCTOBER 20 TO CONSULT WITH YOUR OWN STAFF ON AREAS WHICH SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO OUR MUTUAL ATTENTION. OUR EMBASSY WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AND OTHER APPROPRIATE PERSONS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA TO OBTAIN YOUR

GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS AS TO AN AGENDA FOR OUR MEETING AND TO DISCUSS CERTAIN SUGGESTIONS OF OUR OWN. END QUOTE.

- 2. REQUEST YOU DELIVER TEXT OF LETTER TO PRINCE TURKI, INFORMING HIM THAT SIGNED LETTER WILL FOLLOW.
- 3. WE CONCUR WITH EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION THAT MR. ELLSWORTH CONCENTRATE HIS CONSULTATIONS ON REGIONAL SECURITY MATTERS AND THAT ONLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES SHOULD BE REFERRED TO HIM FROM SPECIALIST GROUP.
- 4. AS REGARDS POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS WITHIN FIELD REGIONAL SECURITY MATTERS, TO DISCUSS WITH PRINCE SULTAN IN YOUR UPCOMING MEETINGS WITH HIM, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST ITEMS WHICH WERE COVERED IN REFTELS B AND C:
- A. A GENERAL REVIEW: WE AGREE WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION (3.6.A 1, REFTEL C) THAT COVERAGE BE BROADENED TO TOUCH ON EUROPE AND MEDITERRANEAN REGION.
- B. SAUDI RELATIONS WITH IRAN.
- C. OMAN.
- D. YAR: WE AGREE THAT WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF SECURITY NEEDS OF YAR. (THIS CAN BE MORE FRUITFUL THAN SUCH DISCUSSIONS IN PAST IN VIEW PLANS FOR US SURVEY TEAM TO GO TO YAR AND US REVIEW OF SAUDI LIST OF ARMS WHICH SAG PREPARED TO PURCHASE FOR YAR). SECRET

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QUESTION OF POSSIBLE JOINT SAUDI-US WORKING GROUP ON ASSISTANCE TO YAR SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE RAISED AT THIS TIME, SINCE WE WANT FIRST TO SEE RESULTS OF US SURVEY TEAM MISSION TO YAR.

- E. HORN OF AFRICA.
- F. US-SAUDI MILITARY RELATIONS (AS NECESSARY).

5.	WE WILI	L TRANSMIT	MORE DETAILED PROPOSAL FOR POINTS TO
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